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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs as follows:

- [0034] The adhesive layer is disposed on or applied to substantially all or one major surface 20 or 22 of the substrate 14. According to the present invention, the adhesive layer is applied to the substantially all of one major surface 20 or 22 of the substrate 14 between the side edges 16 and 18.
- [0037] As shown in Fig. 1, the tape 10 is wound into a continuous roll about a core or in a coreless fashion. An interior bore ~~20~~ 21 is formed in the roll 10 for the core, if used, and/or for receiving a rotatable handle element as described hereafter and shown in Figs. 13 and 14.
- [0041] The pull tab 30 can be formed in a number of different ways, each defining a tab adjoining a part of the sheet 26 on the roll ~~10~~ 10 but which has a non-adhesive radially outermost surface to allow the pull tab 30 on the outermost sheet 26 to be easily grasped and pulled to facilitate removal of the outer sheet 26 from the roll 10.
- [0046] In Figs. 1 and 4, the separable edge 24 between adjacent sheets 26 on the roll 10 extends completely through the roll 10. The pull tab ~~40~~ 30 which overlays the non-adhesive area 34 in Fig. 4 enables a user to insert his or her finger or fingernail beneath the edge 24 and raise the end of the tab ~~40~~ 30 away from the roll 12.